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GRANITE CITY, ILLINOIS, APRIL 22, 1903.

Labor Ticket Wins

The Entire Labor Ticket Is Elected
With the Exception of Two
Non-Labor men.



PERSONAL AND SOCIETY NOTES

DOINGS IN THIS FIELD DURING THE PAST WEEK.

Mrs Lidney Smith entertained Miss Lizzie Garrelman, of St. Louis, Sunday.

The Tuesday afternoon Euchre will be continued to-day by Mrs. T. E. Schaefermeyer.

The Exchange Club was entertained at dinner by Mr. Will Lynch on Friday evening.

The annual ball will be held Saturday evening.

THE BOSTON BLOOMERS.

Ladies Champion Base Ball Club of the World.

One of the most exciting and interesting games of the season will take place in this city on next Sunday between the Ladies' Champion Base Ball Club of Boston, Mass., and Granite City team.

The Boston Bloomers is the usual title given this famous Ladies' Base Ball Club. They are justly entitled to the same, as they always appear upon the field, to battle for supremacy, dressed in the twentieth century garb of the bloomers. This is the only female base player in the only ladies' ball club in America. The team was first organized in 1893. This is their tenth annual tour. The club has

LOCAL NEWS

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THE PRESS want-

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Miss Zoe
day morning
of her parents in New Albany.
She was 23 years of age, very pretty
and well thought of in Granite City,
having held the position of post-mistress
here for two years, and
Postmaster's Cashier. She later held a
like position in Venice. The funeral
occurred this afternoon at the Park
Avenue M. E. church, Rev. Harmon
officiating.

The Rev. G. E. Seymour, S.
T. D. LL. D., will speak at Granite City
next Sunday in the interest of St.
Bartholomew's Episcopal Mission. Ser-
vices will be held at 8 o'clock in the
Methodist Tabernacle at Tulley's hall. Bishop
Seymour is one of the great preachers
in the country and the people of Gran-
ite City consider it a treat to have him
on the platform. The funeral
occurred this afternoon at the Park
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Last Saturday a Post Card advised the
following, but we were unable to
find the participant. After spending a
week visiting in Chicago Mrs. Schaefer-
meyer, of Granite City, did not stop
there, but came on to St. Louis in
answer to a letter from Miss C.
Schaefermeyer, of No. 3135 Franklin
Avenue, her fiancée, who proposed an
immediate wedding. Yesterday after-
noon the couple were married at the
church. After the ceremony was per-
formed Mrs. Schaefermeyer wired to her
mother in Granite City apprising her of
the marriage.

The Lutheran parochial school
of the U. S. will have a great scholastic
year, as the "World's Fair"
is numbered second at Granite City
in the amount of students in its
various departments. The new
scholarship fund will be
used to help the work progress.

Boys' Club.

Believing it would
be a good idea to
have a boys' club
and celebrate the
World's Fair to be
held in St. Louis in the near
future, the members of the
boys' club are making
plans to have a
meeting every Saturday
evening during the
month of June.

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Granite City Press.

BY
C. W. JEDD PRINTING CO.

Introductory.

In presenting to the people of Granite City the first issue of the GRANITE CITY PRESS the publishers desire to acquaint the readers with the position the publication will occupy. It is our duty to burden the first issue of a publication with apologies. They have invested a large amount of diligent, painstaking labor and research, and no small amount of capital; and recognize the fact, that they must depend upon merit and excellence, as well as a good amount of "hustle" for their success. It will be our endeavor to omit no item of a local, social or business nature. We will treat all subjects in a concise, though distinctive and original manner. As we realize full well that this locality has for a long period lacked proper representation in the newspaper world, our efforts will be directed to the end of giving you a paper well worthy of your approval and support.

Though located in Granite City THE PRESS will be devoted to the interests of the Tri-Cities, including Madison and Viroqua and will set aside separate columns for news of the last named cities. Published every Wednesday it will contain all the news of the week and deal with questions in as fair and impartial a manner as it knows how. Honest, able, consistent and loyal to the Republican party and to the public in general.

Not a little could be said of this locality in so far as the possibilities of a newspaper are concerned. It is a conceded fact that this end of the large county of Madison is the richest and by far the busiest section—but at the same time we have a people who are almost entirely ignorant of the local happenings and doing of things social and in business circles. You practically know nothing of the doings of your church's, schools' lodges, unions, and your city governments. We might, were we so disposed at the present writing, give you an insight into affairs which are constantly occurring.

July at Geo. Ulmann's peanut store with a big picnic arranged, both men and a big meeting.

Subscription rates, all serviceable and several out of town compete for the prizes. We will give full particulars in a later issue.

Try one package of Mother's Home Made Dry Hoop Yeast and be convinced, it has no equal as a bread raiser. It is absolutely a pure product made especially for our mothers used to make. Will make baking twice the amount of any other yeast.

Price per package 5 cents.

Sold by Dahms & Krill and Champion Bros., Granite City, Ill.; Hatcher & Muller, Madison, Ill.; Wm. Jenkins, North Venice.

Miss Zoe Baker died suddenly Sunday morning at 1 o'clock at the home of her parents in this city. Miss Baker was 23 years of age and a very popular and well thought of lady in Granite City, having held the position of pianist and postmaster here for two years under Mrs. Clegg.

She later held a like position in Venice. The funeral occurred this afternoon from the Park Avenue M. E. church, Rev. Harmon officiating.

The Rev. Geo. F. Seymour, S.

T. D. LL. D., will visit Granite City next Sunday in the interest of St. Bartholomew's Church Missionary Services will hold at 4 o'clock in the afternoon at Tulley's hall.

Brother Seymour is one of the ablest preachers

in the country and the people of Granite City are consider it a treat to have the opportunity of hearing him. He will probably confine a class while here.

Every one is welcomed and he should be accorded a large attendance.

Last Saturday's Post contained the following, but we have been unable to find the particulars: After spending a week visiting in Chicago Dora Sherwood, of Granite City, did not stop at home but continued on to St. Louis, in answer to a letter from Eddie C. Schoenmeyer, of No. 3135 Franklin Avenue, her fiance, who proposed an immediate wedding. Yesterday afternoon the couple were married at Clayton. After the ceremony was performed Mrs. Schoenmeyer wired to her mother at Granite City apprising her of her marriage.

The Lutheran parochial schools of the U. S. L. S. will have a great educational exhibit at the World's Fair. The Lutheran school at Granite City on Saturday day off its quota of exercises in Writing, Arithmetic, Geography, Spelling and History. To each set of studies was attached a signed teacher's statement as to how the work was prepared. To those not acquainted with the educational schools of the Lutheran church as conducted in America, this exhibit will serve as a means of instruction and

It is said that a Wisconsin editor was born out of a lot of trouble in trying to get out his hat which he had lost in his pocket over his nose when he reached paradise. The difficulty was somewhat eliminated when, in response to one of his editorials embraiding this question, a wicked contemporary presented the question as to how he would get his hat on over his horns.

The Illinois Supreme Court has decided in 11 convictions for rape, robbery, kidnapping and treason the time of trial and sentence. The court held that the jury's verdict was indeterminate sentence law. The decision was given when the court refused to grant the writ of habeas corpus prayed by Lewis George Goto, sentenced in July, 1902, in Cook County to serve twenty-five years in the penitentiary for one of the atrocious crimes.

Although immense numbers of foreigners are being added to our population even year, yet the many nationalities represented are different from each other and from each other in habits, customs and laws, soon become assimilated. The great majority of these are slow to take up the native institutions of citizenship in this country of their adoption, and guard our institutions as jealously as the native Americans.

The Democratic Judicial Convention met in East St. Louis Monday and nominated Judge B. R. Burroughs, of Madison county; Attorney R. D. W. Holden, of St. Clair county, and Attorney Chas. P. Moore, of Washington county. The Third district comprises the counties of Bond, Madison, Monroe, Perry, Randolph, St. Clair and Washington. The delegates were instructed to vote for the same three nominees. Three members from each county were appointed to serve on a judicial committee for the next six years.

The Republicans of the third judicial circuit of Illinois will meet in East St. Louis on Saturday, May 2, to place candidates in the field for circuit judge. The efforts of the district committees to do away with party nominations seems to have fallen through with Madison county's representative being no longer a member of the bench. Judge Early is well known to the people of Madison county, and they should give him a handsome majority. He has had eight years' experience as county judge of Madison county, and at that time New River section, and subsuming thousands of acres of valuable agricultural lands in the Pontchartrain district.

Poisoning Case at Omaha.
Frank E. Knight Hurriedly Left that City When Officers Began an Investigation.

Nebr., April 14.—Developed yesterday the police to believe that Nebr. has been engaged in the谋杀 of a man and woman and are now looking for Judge E. Knight, whose wife, they derive, is poisoned and their buried Court Mrs. Lucy Stiles and her son, Wm. Wise, are missing. The wife was reported to be with the alleged killer, Wm. Wise. It has been traced westward to Colo. Platt, and is believed required his way to Wyoming, which sumble Dusenberry, with whom he has been in correspondence, told the *Chicago Tribune*.

To the Cholera PLAGUE.
Believing it too patriotic citizens sported Ragging and celebrate the *order* in World's Fair to be.

French and English, their families, are cast in the heroic mold, witness the latest story from Paris. A fire was raging in the Rue Montgivry, and while the family shut themselves up in the children's room, Dusenberry through the doorway, up raced the smoldering staircase, and in a trice returned with the burning doll in his jaws.—N. Y. Tribune.

ATH.
Respectfully,
Write

He was the

and was
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important

Mrs. Newley—But even if it cost \$100, doesn't you?—Latest perfectly killing?
Mrs. Newley—Yes, billions kill
that laid the golden egg damage to—
N. Y. Times.

The Minis-
Brownbush—What's the matter, father?—I'm not
other times, but he's
so nervous.—Well, I guess
only time he ever gets near
shop.—Cincinnati En-

Sometimes the Way.
"What's this?" asked the man in front of the "interest withdrawals window at the bank.

"That is a check," said the man inside.
"What's it for?"
"You have to present that at the other window to get your money."
"Don't you pay it at this window?"
"No, sir."
"Do I have to sign it?"
"Certainly."
"Where?"
"Right there. Don't you—
"Sign my full name?"
"Sign your name as it is on your bank book."
"Oh, yes, of course. Got a pen?"
"Pen there on your elbow."
"Oh, yes, I see."
(Signs his name.)
"What do you do with this now?"
"Take it to window 21. Hold on. Better take your bank book along."
"Is there anything funnier?"
made the slender young woman standing behind him, "than a man drawing his interest at a savings bank?"—Chicago Tribune.

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"There's no danger," said the architect. "You see, the weathercock turns round with the wind, and never creates any great surface to it. There's nothing fixed but the cardinal points."

"Awe!" said the heir, "could you?"

"No, not mak' the cardinal points turn round, too?"—London Times.

Bond to Win.
"Yes," said the young wife, "Henry and I said some words this morning which we can't deny when he got the best of it."

"Then what do you do?" returned the experienced negotiator, "when you're about to start in married life that way?"

"I know it," answered the young wife. "I've thought it all over, and when he comes home tonight I'm going to bring him to terms so quick that he'll hardly know what's happened."

"That's right, my dear," said the young spirit. "What are you going to do?"

"I'm going to bring up the subject again and then say—'Sorry Stories'

"I'm sorry to pay up."

"Sorry," said the young wife, addressing his son-in-law, who had failed in business, "but do you think I should set you on your feet?"

"Because I once did you a great favor," replied the architect to the family circle.

"Favor?" exclaimed the old man.

"When did you ever do me a favor?"

"I used to do it, sir," calmly

answered the mother. "I used to do it for your daughter off your hands."—Chicago Daily News.

A Herode Pouder.

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TORNADO IN ILLINOIS.

Severe Storm Sweeps Across Logan, DeWitt and Piatt Counties.

ONE DEAD AND SCORES INJURED.

Storm Sweeps Across a Village
Killed and Fatally Injured—Infant Son Found Dead in Storm's Path—Communication Cut Off With Waynesville.

Springfield, Ill., April 13.—One death, a fatal injury, and a score or more of injured resulted from a tornado that swept over Logan, DeWitt and Piatt counties, Sunday afternoon. The fatality occurred in the Halsader settlement, a little farming community, three miles from Atwood, Piatt county.

The home of Clifford Halsader was demolished and after the storm Halsader's infant son was found dead, 300 feet from the place where the house stood. The baby was lying in bed when the wind struck the house. Mrs. Halsader was buried across the village street and fatally injured. Mr. J. B. Martin's home was destroyed, and several guests were painfully injured.

Deer Creek, in Logan county, where the storm struck, was swept dry of water. Reports from this district state that three houses were destroyed and a number of people more less injured.

Supervisor Adam Schaeffer's handsome residence was destroyed. The family of several children and a number of visitors, 15 in all, sought safety in the cellar and the house was torn to shreds.

The homes of Samuel Baldwin and Gus Knuechel were destroyed. Mrs. Baldwin and two farm hands took refuge in a smokehouse in which they were buried several hundred feet and painfully injured.

It is reported that the town of Waynesville and the blue grass districts east of Atlanta were struck and much damage resulted, but communication with these points was cut off.

MACHINERY BLOWN AWAY.

Storm Follows a Creek, Passing From Southwest to Northwest.

Lincoln, Ill., April 13.—Three farm residences were destroyed, several persons were injured and grain and machinery were blown away Sunday by a tornado which swept over the with a country, four miles west of Lincoln. The storm followed the creek, passing from the southwest to the northwest. The wind is reported to have struck the town of Waynesville.

ONE MAN STRUCK DOWN.

Storm Breaks Over Pittsburg, Pa., With Terrifying Swiftness.

Pittsburg, Pa., April 13.—With terrifying swiftness the thunder storm which came out of the west Sunday night passed over Pittsburg, pouring miniature rivers through streets, flooding cellars and inflicting damage that will reach thousands of dollars. One man was killed by lightning and many buildings were struck. Irving Tilson, of Dubois, Pa., while walking from one building to another at the Dixmont insane asylum, where he employed as a cook, was struck down by a bolt. He died when picked up. The congregation of Christ M. E. church in Center avenue, was stormbound. The street front blocks was flooded.

In Wayne county the cholorum, guitars, through the alleys. People were driven into the second stories of their homes. The loss to property in the Thirty-seventh ward was great. A house in Coal street was almost swept from its foundation. Street car tracks were lost under two feet of water. Thousands of feet of lumber were carried away from a Pittsburgh yard on the Pennsylvania. A road sign tovert by lightning and the adjoining passenger station was fired.

CLOUDBURST IN INDIANA.

County Commissioners Raymond and Wife Drowned While Returning From Church Near New Harmony.

Henryville, Ind., April 13.—A cloud burst at noon Sunday, roared this part of Clark county, and did great damage. The head of the stream had washed out as far as Sollersburg and Seymour. County Commissioner Raymond and wife were drowned while crossing Blue Lick creek after church. The water had risen so rapidly that their buggy was swept away. Both bodies were recovered.

APPEALING FOR CHARLES MAY.

Double Murderer's Friends Are Bounding Gov. Decker to Secure Executive Clemency.

St. John, Ind., April 13.—Gov. Decker is being besieged by telegrams in behalf of Charles May, the double murderer, who is condemned to die on the scaffold at the county jail here Friday. Commutation of sentence to life imprisonment is asked for. Gov. Decker is asked to interfere with the judgment of the guard.

Australia's Military Victory.
A curious feature of the break-up of the Australian army was the number of single file volcanic explosions, various parts of the commando corps. The ground had become so parched and dried that it formed became like the carpets of India's desert. When the long-prayed-for downpour of rain came at last the water met the hot air in these fissures, and little geysers of steam were generated in a moment. Many farmers, hearing the explosions and seeing columns of steamy smoke arising from the earth, ran to see what had come to affect them, and when they were out of the frying pan into the fire.—N. Y. Commercial Ticker.

Japanese Time.

The Japanese divide the 24 hours into 16 periods, of which the second period is called the day, the day beginning at sunrise and ending at sunset. Whether the day or night is long or short, there are always six periods. It is claimed that the characters or numerals on the scales are adjustable. Two of them are set, one to agree with the sunrise and the other to coincide with the sunset, thus dividing the space into equal portions. Thus when the period of daylight is longer than the night, the day hours will be proportionately longer than the night. Another peculiarity in this calendar is that they use only six characters, those from four to nine and these read backwards.—Detroit Free Press.

Does Gold Grow?

There are many reasons for answering the question, "Does gold grow?"

The affirmative, but we must not expect to grow golden eagles from dollars. It has been found that gold grows in favorable conditions, but increases very slowly. It is claimed that the metals found in placers are the formations from the waters that percolate through the gravels and are not from decomposed rocks.

Those who so contend sight

the fact that in the center of nuggets can be found a small grain of iron sand. This was the nucleus around which

was deposited gold from the substances in the waters, just as it is deposited in electroplating.—Popular Mechanics.

Bachelor Criminals.

It is said that statistics prove in every thousand bachelors, there are 38 criminals, while in every thousand married men there is only 18. If this is true, it surely proves that the sex labeled coy and hard to handle have at least an immense capacity for keeping out of trouble. Of course, there are the bachelors and perhaps even the unkind reputation handed down the ages by Mother Eve.—London Tatler.

SMOKING Manners.

Rapid smoking is as bad as rapid eating or worse. It is also "bad form," whether it be in pipe, cigar or cigarette. Many persons have

no idea how to smoke. It is as

painful to watch some people smoke as it is to sit at the table with a man who "goes" and indulges in his food on a "fifteen-minute fast-foods" plan.—New York Tobacco.

Eatable to Him.

"You say," tittered the nanee of the vegetarian, "that you could fairly eat meat, but that is contrary to the tenets of your belief."

"Not at all," asserted the vegetarian.

"But if you ate meat, you would be eating a peach."

No use talking, the meat diet isn't

the only one that makes the mind active.—Judge.

Croats That Failed.

Great efforts have been made in Southern California to produce tea and opinion prevails that through the climate fostered the most satisfactory growth of these plants each has failed, because, the high price of labor makes the crop unremunerative.—N. Y. Sun.

Uncle Rubin Says:

I used to be a good citizen twenty years ago, a day, and I didn't

make no difference how long I sat on the fence to rest my back.

Arter putting a mortgage on my house I found that I had to work

12 hours a day, and dad backaches induced me to rate of interest.

Detroit Free Press.

As Up-to-Date Sheikhs.

"My prince must be a financier."

"I should say so! Why, he has a scheme to fund the church debt at two-and-a-half per cent, and I believe that some day he'll capitalize the church and issue common and preferred stock!"—Puck.

Our Own.

Hazel—Your brother seemed to be

greatly taken with me at the ball last night. He danced with me four times.

Helen—Oh, well, that doesn't prove

anything. It was a charity ball, you must remember.—N. Y. Sun.

Island of Autocrats.

The South African colonies and

islands owned by Germany have no

local legislature or even crown councils. Each is ruled by an autocrat appointed by the emperor.—N. Y. Sun.

Equality Impossible.

One might as well attempt to rearange the rainbow colors of a soap bubble as to undertake the reformation of one's neighbors.—Chicago Daily News.

Obesity lasts much longer than fame.

—Chicago Daily News.

An Etching from Life

BY ADDIE FARRAR

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nothing the traces of tears on her face.

He clenched his hands at his sides, he could not trust himself to touch her hand. She drew hers quickly back.

"Have I offended you?" she asked.

Something in her voice banished all the anger that had lived by an unnatural impulse, he reached out and drew her to him, pressing his lips to her cheek, her hair, and her lips.

"I offended you?" he cried. "Yes, by your sweetness, your personality, yourself. I love you, love you." For the moment she lay unconscious in his arms, yielding herself to his caresses, this time silent, this time perfect.

"You must not—you must not," she cried, struggling in his embrace.

He held her only the tighter, laughing like a boy at her struggles.

"Kip, help, let me go. You are mad. You do not know what you are saying."

"I'm not mad," he cried. "Mad—mad with love for you. Answer me," he pushed her out from him and held her by the shoulders that he might look into her face. "Do you love me?"

She covered her burning face with her hands.

"Answer me."

"God help me, yes," she replied and then, with a sudden, blushing smile and tremulous voice.

Her face was radiant as he knelt beside her.

"Agnes, do not shrink from me, my love. Can you realize how I love you? It has been like a living fire in my heart. I never meant to say it. I meant to go away, but now—oh! you love me, love me, and—I want—I want you, but you, want you, want you always. There has never been any woman but you."

She rested her hand a moment on his bowed head, and he would have taken her in his arms again, but she held him back.

"Now," she said, softly, like one talking to a child, "you must go away. It must not be. You must go away and forget."

"And if I will not?"

"Oh, you must—you must. If not for my sake, for hers." Her words came thick and fast, as of one in pain.

"You do not love me."

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SPINDLE-TOP FIRE SWEEPED.

The Great Texas Oil Field was the scene of a Most Destructive Conflagration.

Beaumont, Tex., April 16.—A care less workman kicked over a lantern at one of the Caldwell oil wells on Block 38, Hogg-Swayne tract, Spindletop, Tex., Saturday morning, and started a fire that resulted in the loss of property valued at \$1,000,000 and bankruptcy of twenty or more of the smaller companies.

There were 175 wells on the three blocks of the tract, and only five of the derricks and pump houses are left standing. Every company that had property in the Hogg-Swayne tract is a loser. The fire swept the three blocks covered with derricks and pump houses clear of all buildings.

A CENT OF INSURANCE.

The derricks left are on the edges and are few and far between. None of the companies has a cent of insurance.

LOVE'S DREAM WAS OVER.

Manie Fields Commits Suicide at St. Louis Because Her Lover Had Grown Cold.

St. Louis, April 16.—Despondent because the man she loved gave cold toward her, Marie Fields, a pretty young girl residing with her parents, took carbolic acid. Wednesday morning and died with a picture of her sweetheart clasped to her breast.

The sweetheart of the grief-stricken girl, Rev. George W. Gordons, 18 years old, has been a boarder at the Field home for four years and it is believed by the family and neighbors that the couple, at one time, were engaged. It is not known if the father and mother of the dead girl, no announcement to this effect was ever made by either of the young couple.

THE WORST STORM IN YEARS.

The Atlantic Coast Swept by the Most Severe Northeastern Storm Since 1895.

New York, April 16.—All along the coast from Maine westward the worst in years. At Atlantic City and Asbury Park the severest northeastern that has visited that part of the Jersey coast since 1895 has been racing for twenty-four hours. The tide has reached its height, and the height of the high water has been known for 18 years. Huge breakers are crashing against the piling beneath the pier. Great waves have broken over the pier. Large boats have been washed ashore, and many have been lost. They have been ripped up by the storm.

Granite City, Fire out to sea. Will celebrate the Fourth of July at Gas Ullage park. A FORTUNE will be given away. Arrangements made for a big time. About

and several out-of-town competitors for the prizes. We will give full particulars in a later issue.

Try one package of Mother's Home Made Yeast. Eat Yeast and be convinced, it has no equal as a bread raiser. It is absolutely a pure home-made preparation, same as our mothers used to make. Will make more baking than twice the amount of any other yeast.

Prior per package 5 cents. Sold by Dahmus & Krill and Champion Bros., Granite City, Ill.; Hatch & Muller, Marion, Ill.; Wm. Jenkins, North Africa.

Miss Zoe Baker died suddenly Saturday morning at 1 o'clock at the home of her parents in this city. Miss Baker was 23 years of age and a very popular and well thought of lady in Granite, having held the position of assistant postmistress here for two years at Postmaster Canger. She later held a like position in Venice. The funeral occurred this afternoon from the Park Avenue, M. E. church. Rev. Harmon officiating.

The Rev. Geo. F. Seymour, S. T. D. LL. D., will visit Granite City next Sunday in the interest of St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Mission. Services will be held at 4 o'clock in the afternoon at Tully's Hall. Bishop Seymour is one of the ablest preachers in the country and his visit of Granite is considered a treat to have the opportunity of hearing him. He will probably confirm a class while here. Every one is welcomed and he should be accorded a large attendance.

Last Saturday's Post contained the following, but we have been unable to find the particulars: After spending a week visiting in Chicago, Dan Shaeffer, of Granite City, did not stop at home but went directly to St. Louis, in answer to a letter from Radie C. Schaefermeier, of No. 318 Franklin Avenue, her fiancée, who proposed an immediate wedding. Yesterday afternoon the couple were married at Clayton. After the ceremony was performed Mrs. Schaefermeier wired her mother at Granite City apprising her of her marriage.

The Lutheran parochial schools of Granite City will have a great educational value at the World's Fair. The Lutheran school at Granite City on Saturday sent its quota of exercises in Writing, Arithmetic, Geography, Spelling and History. To each set of studies was attached a signed teacher's statement as to how the exercises were done. To those not acquainted with the parochial schools of the Lutheran church as conducted in America this exhibit will serve as an account of instruction and

STOLEN LETTER POUCHES.

Two Pouches of Mail Stolen from the Office of the Signal Tower of Springfield Junction, Ill.

Springfield, Ill., April 12.—At 12 o'clock Saturday morning word was received at the post office that two mail letter pouches had been stolen from Springfield Junction, just south of this city at the junction of the Chicago & Alton and Wabash railroads. This is the second theft of this character which has taken place at the junction within the last weeks, two pouches having been stolen on the night of March 13 and rifled of their contents, and the post office authorities have as yet been unable to obtain any clue to the thief. In the former case, the pouches were taken from the east-bound Wabash train at ten o'clock Friday night. It is believed that the mail train, which goes north at 12:15 o'clock, when the Alton train arrived, it was found that two of the pouches were missing.

John Edward Mitchell Driscoll, who on the occasion of the first robbery left the pouches out on the platform between trains, instead of locking them up in his office, as was his duty, locked the pouches up in his office, but the robbers forced open the window and effected an entrance through Driscoll, who was in the tower 50 feet above, did not hear them.

FROM DIAMOND TO PULPIT.

Wm. A. Sunday, the Former Bass-ball Player, Qualifies for the Presbyterian Ministry.

Chicago, April 15.—Feeling the pinch of poverty, the Chicago presbytery, Wm. A. Sunday, the former ball player, has submitted to the necessary examination to determine his qualifications for ordination as an elder of the Presbyterian church. He answered the questions of his examiners to their entire satisfaction and his orthodoxy was pronounced sound in every particular. He will be formally ordained Wednesday evening at the Jefferson Park Presbytery church, when Dr. Wilbur Chapman will preach the sermon and Dr. Alexander Patterson will deliver the charge to the candidate.

THROUGH A CRAWFISH HOLE.

The Waterloo Leader, on the Bank, Seven Miles Above New Orleans, is in imminent danger.

New Orleans, April 15.—Water is pouring through a crawfish hole 10 to 20 inches in diameter, near the top of the elevation where it lies on the east bank of the river, about 10 miles above the city, and fear is expressed that before a run-around can be built the water level will give way in every portion of the town which will be inundated.

John Redmond, who had been

accepted as a principle by a unanimous vote.

Dublin, April 17.—By a unanimous vote the Irish National convention, which met here Thursday, accepted in principle the Irish land bill introduced in the house of commons by Mr. William Martin, chief secretary for Ireland, and entrusted to John Redmond and his party the task of securing in the house of commons amendment which the national convention may entitle.

Proceedings at the convention revealed discontent with various features of the bill, and many amendments were made to indicate a danger of its ultimate rejection. Even Michael Davitt, who had an opportunity of dividing the delegates into two bitterly opposed camps, and who, among other excitements, threatened his views, pledged himself to abide by the verdict. John Redmond and William O'Brien triumphed over all objections, and the projectors, save Michael Davitt, were scarcely given a hearing by the delegates.

IRISH WIT DISPLAYED.

Every available seat in the round room of the Mansion House was taken by the delegates, who surged up the stairs in a solid mass and overflowed the surrounding rooms. For six hours without a break the delegates sat or stood silent, listening to the speakers, spiritual and political. Not for a day has such a representative gathering been seen in Dublin. Irish wit and eloquence lived up to its reputation. Speakers quickened the audience's attention to that pitch of enthusiasm where hats were thrown up and men stood upon the chairs yelling with delight. When a platform speaker, after a speech, received from the audience supplied an impetus to the motions, the crowd was irrepressible. Old men, white-haired relics of the land league, young farmers, rising farmers in the fields with their wives fresh from the fields of Connacht and Munster; county councilors, priests, young and old, rose constantly from their seats to hurl some interjection of approval or derision at the speaker.

Speakers Madly Cheered.

The force of habit was far too strong to prevent the sons of soil from cheering madly when some speaker addressed them as "the handless wood snakes," which not infrequently brought the response from the body of the hall "to hell with them!" "good man!" The audience would shout with狂喜, when O'Brien, Michael Davitt or some other popular orator voiced the prevailing sentiment.

Throughout the day this gathering of Irish friends was picturesque, so terribly earnest, so swayed by the eloquence of the Irish leaders, never ceased to make fit setting for the heroic epithets in which the speakers described the convention as "the most glorious assembly of its kind."

John Redmond sat in the chair,

reassessing and keeping order "like

Pascal," as an old nationalist said.

Respectfully, J. Rose.

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HE WAS THE GOOSE.

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IS IT PEACE IN IRELAND?

If Ireland is really going to be pacified after one hundred years, the world will lose a glorious element in literature and life. What the Irish man no longer has a hated Saxon at hand what will he do for a "script?" The land bill that is to perform this miracle affects directly half a million tenants, who with their families represent the majority of the people of Ireland, and will affect the entire population. The disappearance of the landlords and the substitution of a system of peasant proprietors would transform the national life. If it can make Ireland a loyal member of the empire the \$60,000,000 the British government proposes to give to the enterprise will have been cheaply spent.

When the English were dailying the Home Rule bill they had an enormous majority in the House of Commons, but in the Senate the Tories might sneak in ahead of them, as they did in the matter of free trade. The outlook in that direction is very promising now. Of course, a land purchasing bill is not Home Rule, but if the same question can be settled the principal obstacle to Home Rule have been removed. It was the fear that an English army would march into Ireland with them that made the landlord sign Gladstone's scheme with the emergency of desperation. It was the influence of the landlords that embittered the resistance of Ulster and stiffened the backbone of the English bureaucracy. With the land question settled, Home Rule would neither be so ardently desired nor be so anxiously dreaded on the other side.

The Saxon and Celt make up their differences in Ireland what will happen in America? It will be hard to recognize our politics without the "Irish vote," passed for the simple purpose of making things uncomfortable for the British oppressor. If we should have a large number of immigrant Americans taking as much interest in the affairs of England as our other millions of German-Americans take in keeping us friends with Germany, what a queer state of things there would be! A politician of the O'Donovan Ross and Finerty era would need a guide to help him find his way.

Considering the strategic position of Ireland at the throat of the empire it would be well worth the while of the British authorities to pacify her at any reasonable cost, even if there were nothing more than the island itself to be taken into account. But only a quarter of the Irishmen in the world live in Ireland. The rest are in America and the British colonies. That multiplies the importance of the problem by about ten.

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Though the globe is cooling, we are learning how to economize solar heat. We counteract the climatic conditions of the tropics by growing plants under cheesecloth, and by the use of glass to multiply the effect of the sun's rays. In new we have hundreds of acres under glass in this country, and we shall have many square miles in century hence.

Thus does human ingenuity bid defiance to the cooling and drying processes that are going on. Nevertheless, as Professor Holmes remarks, there is "nothing surer" that there will come an end to the races that now are, and that "the whole, and to the world he inhabits." It is only a question of the manner in which this melancholy result is destined to be accomplished.

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One way of reaching that desirable end is to improve the efficiency of the fleet in existence. The Russians have revised their plan for connecting the Baltic and Black Seas by a ship canal, and the expense of less than a hundred million dollars will open a waterway twelve hundred miles long through the heart of the empire and double the efficiency of the Russian fleet. With such a thoroughfare in existence a Russian squadron blockaded before St. Petersburg could emerge in the Black Sea. It would be paying its way in time of peace.

The French have a similar plan for a ship canal in the Bay of Biscay to the Mediterranean, and what the Kiel Canal has done for the naval strength of Germany need not be repeated.

Breakfast in Boston.
"What kind of breakfast food have you?" inquires the New Yorker in the Boston hotel.

"We have pumpkin custard, apple

and meringue pie," replied the waiter, carefully adjusting his glasses.—Yonkers Statesman.

Mortgage Statistics.

Ninety-five percent of mortgages are still held by certain individuals in order to increase the original holding of property or to raise money for business operations; and but five percent are because of foreclosed debts.—Real Estate Journal.

A Wealthy Swiss Town.

With the wealth of Basel

which increased 260,000,000 in population has almost doubled, which is most remarkable showing for a town that is 1,500 years old.—Albany Argus.

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